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BONN GROUP TO REOPEN QUESTION OF NORTH-SOUTH FLIGHTS TO

BERLIN. EFFORT MUST NOW BE DIRECTED TOWARD GETTING UK TO JOIN IN WHAT MUST BE QUADRIPARTITE APPROACH IN NATO.

2. FUTURE NATO PRESENTATION, WHETHER IN ORAL OR WRITTEN FORM, MUST INCLUDE FOLLOWING ELEMENTS, IF IT IS TO HAVE ANY CHANCE OF OBTAINING GENERAL APPROVAL:

A. IT MUST NOT WITHDRAW OR THREATEN TO WITHDRAW LANDING RIGHTS GRANTED TO AUA AND SAS.

B. IT MUST BE ACKNOWLEDGED THAT IT WILL NOT BE AN EASY TASK FOR NATO COUNTRY AIRLINES TO OBTAIN GDR OVERFLIGHT RIGHTS NOW OR IN NEAR FUTURE FOR FLIGHTS TO WEST BERLIN.

C. IT SHOULD PLEDGE TRIPARTITE WILLINGNESS TO GRANT, ON LIMITED CONTROLLED BASIS, LANDING RIGHTS AT WEST BERLIN AIRPORTS TO THOSE AIRLINES WHO CAN SUCCEED IN OBTAINING GDR OVERFLIGHT PERMISSION. SUCH A PLEDGE WOULD END ANY POSSIBLE

SUSPICION IN NATO THAT THE THREE POWERS WISH TO PREVENT NEW FLIGHTS TO WEST BERLIN OR FAVORED ONE AIRLINE OR COUNTRY OVER ANOTHER. THE CLEAR BURDEN FOR BLOCKING SUCH FLIGHTS SHOULD BE ON THE GDR.

D. IT SHOULD INDICATE OUR INTENTION TO OFFER LANDING RIGHTS TO YUGOSLAVIA, WHICH WISHES TO FLY TO WEST BERLIN AND WHICH BELIEVES IT CAN OBTAIN GDR OVERFLIGHT PERMISSION TO DO SO. KISSINGER

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